Appln. No. 10/630,100

Amendment dated September 24, 2003

Preliminary Amendment

## REMARKS

With the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 20, the term "substantial" has been deleted.

No new matter is added by virtue of this claim amendment. Applicant also asserts that claim 1 has not been narrowed within the meaning of Festo (Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., 535 US 722, 112 S.Ct. 1831, 152 L.Ed.2d 944, 62 USPQ2d 1705 (2002)). Rather, the present amendment is intended to broaden the scope of claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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